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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In response to an Office action dated May 3, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: (entire outstanding set, ready for OCR)

1. (Twice Amended) A method for generating a signal rich in prosody information comprising the steps of:

including in said signal a plurality of phonemes represented by phoneme symbols,
including in said signal a duration specification associated with each of said phonemes,

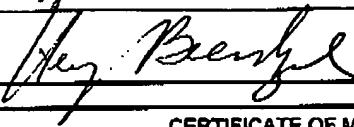
including, for at least one of said phonemes, at least two prosody parameter specifications, with each specification of a prosody parameter specifying a target value for said prosody parameter and [a] any selected point in time for reaching said target value.

2. The method of claim 1 where at least one of said two prosody parameter specifications specifies pitch.

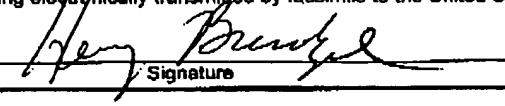
3. The method of claim 1 where at least one of said two prosody parameter specifications specifies energy.

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